

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled MICROWAVE COOKING CONTAINER WITH IMPROVED LID DESIGN which is described and claimed in the United States Patent application Serial No. 10/573,664 filed March 29, 2006, and that this application is a national filing of PCT/US2004/014825 internationally filed May 12, 2004.

As to the subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application.

The common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign of any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
<u>                    </u> (Number)	<u>                    </u> (Country)	<u>                    </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<u>          </u> Yes	<u>          </u> No
<u>                    </u> (Number)	<u>                    </u> (Country)	<u>                    </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<u>          </u> Yes	<u>          </u> No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>60/507,195</u> (Appln. Serial No.)	<u>September 29, 2003</u> (Filing Date)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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